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REMARKS

The Office Action of January 10, 2006, has been received and the allowance of claims 5-8 has been noted with satisfaction.

The Office Action only objects to claims 10-12, and advises that they would be allowable if they were re-written in independent form. In order to secure a patent without further prosecution, the present Amendment does this, and cancels rejected claims 9, 15, and 16. The Amendment also revises rejected claim 13 to depend from claim 10.

In addition, the present Amendment adds new dependent claims 19 and 20. They are the same as claims 13 and 14 except that they depend from independent claim 11 rather than independent claim 10.

In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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